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This morning we started a Special Sale of Men's SUITS that astounded you. At the beginning of the season, when you most need them, we offer you the choice of 500 Men's Stylish Suits—sacks or cutaways—fine cassimeres and chevots—the latest light and dark shades—right up-to-date in cut and finish—in sizes to fit the stout, tall, lean, short or regular-build man for \$7.50—and they're worth \$10, \$12 and \$14. They are from the tailoring shops of one of the best suit-makers in the country—a maker who has made himself famous for the excellence of his qualities and thoroughness of his work. He never wanted cash so badly and our offer was accepted. You can have all the time you want to pay for them—make the terms to suit yourself.

While you're in, look at those Men's Dollar Cassimeres and Cheviot Pants. Others have got them marked \$1.75. You can have them on credit, too.

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Lawn Grass Seed.
Lawn Fertilizers, Flower Seeds, Bulbs, Garden Hose and
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P. MANN & CO.
207 7th St. N. W.

WORK OF THE FLAMES.

Baltimore, April 28.—The Market paper mill and plant, comprising a group of four buildings near Elliott city, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Pittsburgh, April 28.—At 1 o'clock this morning a fire of incendiary origin damaged the warehouse of the Atlantic Railway, at Fifty-seventh street and Allegheny Valley Railroad to the amount of \$60,000. The entire plant narrowly escaped destruction.

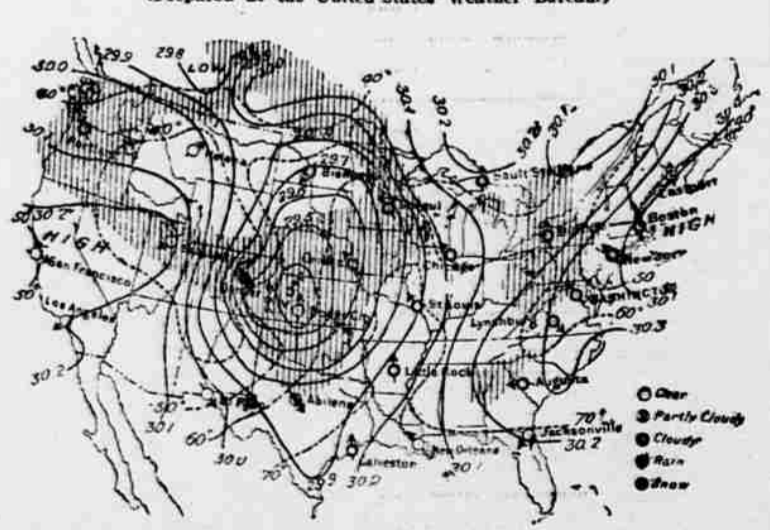
Danvers, Mass., April 28.—The grain mill of J. N. & J. H. Henson was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$25,000.

Sampled the Communion Wine. Plainfield, N. J., April 28.—Robert, the six-year-old son of Thomas Rutledge, playing with two companions, found the door leading into the church of the Plymouth Brethren open, and walked in. In their tour of observation they found the communion wine, and all of them sampled it freely. Young Rutledge was found on the street an hour later dead drunk. A doctor was called and prescribed for him, but he is a very sick boy. The other boys were not affected by the wine.

Suffocated by Mine Gas. Pottsville, Pa., April 28.—Matt Fleming and Edward Burns were suffocated by gas at Albright & Co.'s Silverton colliery near Mineville yesterday. Fleming's body has been recovered, but Burns has not been found. The latter came from Shamokin only a few days ago. Both were young men and unmarried.

THE TIMES DAILY WEATHER MAP.

(Prepared at the United States Weather Bureau.)



Forecast Till 9 p. m. Wednesday.
For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Threatening weather this afternoon and tonight; Wednesday, probably fair and warmer; southerly winds.
For Virginia—Partly cloudy; light rain; Wednesday, probably fairer and warmer; winds shifting to southerly.
Weather Conditions and General Forecast.

A depression of considerable energy covers the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains; the barometer being lowest in western Kansas. The pressure has increased generally over the districts east of the Mississippi and to the west of the Rocky mountains, but there is a slight decrease in pressure reported from the St. Lawrence valley.

The temperature has risen in the central valleys, but it is colder at Rocky mountain stations. Generally fair weather conditions in the Southern, Middle and New England States, but light showers are reported this morning from the lower lake region and the Ohio valley.

Ladies' Skirts.

Elegant Black Skirts—last season's styles—single back and voluminous in width—ask \$1.25—but we, as manufacturers, sell them at.....
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NEW KIND OF SHOE POLISHER

Nicks-in-the-Plot Affair Will Displace the Boy With the Box.

Curious Device for Cleaning, Blacking and Shining Leather Foot-Covering. Washington Man's Invention.

A Washington inventor has designed a shoe-blacking machine, and now a shoe-shiner making thousands of revolutions a minute will take the place of the corner boot black, who smears with his hand and blows his breath upon the leather to produce "that patent leather shine, boss."

The automatic electric shoe polisher is a nickel-in-the-slot contrivance. In one place you have the sides and heels of the shoe cleaned, blackened and polished, and in another place you have the top given a shine which will reflect back the smiling countenance of the customer equal to the best mirror.

The work is the invention of Dr. E. B. Bliss of this city, and it is not his first effort in this line. He has been experimenting with blacking machines for a number of years. The first one he was interested in had no protection for the customer's clothes, and the dirt and blacking smeared them as well as the shoe. It is not so with his present machine.

It is now on exhibition at Harvey's on Pennsylvania avenue, and is the only one in the city. It is to all appearances not much more than a cabinet, with the nickel-in-the-slot arrangement and a pair of revolving brushes. Put the nickel in the slot, and when the foot is shoved under a bronze covering one hears a whirling sound, which



Shoe-Blacking Machine.

Is the brush moving around in a horizontal position. It is polishing the top of the shoe. The whirling sound is interspersed with frequent little knocking sounds, which closely resemble the tap given the box by a boot-black to indicate he is through with your foot. This tap has a different significance. It is the automatic dapper, putting the blacking on the brush.

An indicator on top of the machine, like the hand of a clock, tells when it is time to put the foot on the top of the other brush, which polishes the sides. At the time indicated a mechanical arrangement shifts the wheels inside of the cabinet so that the brush for the top of the shoe stops and turns the brush for the sides.

A final touch is the heel, and with the toe pointed at an angle of forty-five degrees, and the heel resting between the sides of the second brush, the heel receives the polish.

The machine can be regulated to blacken shoes in any given time. It finishes them in one minute and a quarter, but Mr. Bliss says all he has to do to make it five minutes is to turn a little screw. The contrivance is run by electricity and it is impossible to beat it.

Just as soon as the shoe is finished an electric arrangement propels a hand to the place where the nickel is lodged, and coming in contact with it propels it into a box. At the moment of contact between the hand and the nickel an electric spark is sent. Should a piece of metal be inserted which has greater melting power, or is softer than a nickel the electricity will melt it, instead of transmitting it into the box. Every nickel has a little black spot on it where the electric hand has touched it.

PETTY THIEVES CAUGHT

Policeman Mulvey Found One in Graham Bell's Basement.

BURGLAR IN PETTICOATS

Chase After a Female Thief by Patrolman Marshall—Thirteen Unlucky Chickens—Confession Leads to an Arrest—Six Small Robberies Reported to Headquarters.

Local burglars were at work before daylight this morning in the fashionable quarter of West Washington. These crooks were not as successful as the professionals who robbed last night. Mr. Howell's residence, however, for they were not so easily captured and landed in Lieut. Boyle's station.

Last night the northwest section was patrolled from midnight to daylight by a number of policemen in civilian clothes. Some of these were from the Third precinct. Others were from the Fourth and Sixth, but they were all upon the same bent—to capture housebreakers.

Policeman Mulvey, of No. 6, was passing along Connecticut avenue about 2 o'clock this morning. He was muffled up in a great coat and wore noisier apparel, with rubber-soled shoes. Suddenly the glass was broken by the crashing of a window.

MULVEY ON THE ALERT.

Mulvey stole into the shadow of a big elm tree, awaited developments. He did not have to wait long before he heard suspicious sounds in the basement of Prof. A. Graham Bell's magnificent residence, No. 1331 Connecticut avenue.

Mulvey glided to the front of Prof. Bell's house and peering into the basement saw the form of a man crouching under the front basement stairs, where the large refrigerator is located.

"Come out of that!" commanded the policeman.

"Don't shoot, mister; I'll come out," replied the man.

Then the figure bounded up the stairs to the sidewalk and Policeman Mulvey seized the man. He was a stout-built negro and gave his name as Lewis Scott.

"I work in that house," said the prisoner. The doorknob was rung and Prof. Bell aroused. He denied that the prisoner was in his employ and the man was locked up at No. 3 station.

Policeman Mulvey then made a search of the basement and found that Scott had been enjoying a feast at Prof. Bell's expense. He had opened the refrigerator and helped himself to cheese, cold meats, salted and ice cold beer. The noise which first attracted Mulvey's attention was the breaking of a beer bottle which the thief had dropped.

It was probably Scott's intention to have broken into the house after he had satisfied the cravings of the inner man, as a rusty hatchet was found near the man's shadowy retreat in the basement. In the police court today he pleaded guilty and was sent to jail for sixty days.

About the same time last night Policeman Marshall, who was detailed from No. 4 for duty in West Washington, was having a chase after suspected male and female burglars at Nineteenth and St. streets, near 1st St. Mr. Howell's residence, which was recently robbed of over \$1,000 worth of silverware.

CHASED THE WOMAN.

Policeman Marshall was huddled up in a great gray ulster and wore rubber "snakes." He was looking for a woman carrying a large basket. When he saw the policeman trying to overtake him, the man dropped the basket and ran away.

The woman also tried to escape, but the rubber-soled officer soon had her under arrest, and she proved to be a burglar in petticoats. The police then found a number of small articles, including a watch, a ring, and a pair of earrings.

It is believed that Mary Davis will confess when she is arraigned in the police court.

SIX ROBBERIES REPORTED.

Six cases of robbery were reported to Inspector Hollnberger today. A brown chinchilla overcoat was stolen from J. L. Douglas of the Railway Mail Service, city post-office. It was taken from the baggage car.

Charles J. Thomas a visitor from Martinsburg, W. Va., reports lost or stolen from his wife, while in the elevator of the Washington Monument, a lady's silver watch, gold chain and locket.

"Ten pairs of stockings, just reported from Italy," were reported stolen by Pasquale Greco, No. 346 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

S. E. Warner of No. 480 Seventh street northwest had his Liberty bicycle stolen from the hall of his residence yesterday afternoon.

An unknown sneak got away with two bicycle lamps, the property of H. B. Needham, No. 1730 Sixteenth street northwest.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to marry have been issued as follows: Charles D. Wood and Della Tenneyson, both of St. Mary's county, Md.; James W. Thompson and Addie M. Ellis, both of St. Mary's county, Md.; John H. Perry and Peachy Carter.

Francis P. McGowan and Amelia Wagner, both of Prince George's county, Md.; and Annie Simms, Herbert A. Wildman, of Danberry, Conn., and Nellie W. Cole.

Thomas A. Griffin and Jane E. Flanagan, of Peck, Ohio; Edward W. Goodrich and Mary E. Flower, of Clatsop county, Md.

Condition of the Water.

High and low tides are officially recorded at the navy yard today as follows:

"Just like finding it."

Might as well pick up \$1.10 as not! That's just what you do when you buy the Men's regular \$4.00 "Russell" Shoes, or Oxfords, which we are selling at

CROCKER'S,
939 Pa. Ave.
Shoes Shined Free.

HIGH JINKS IN THE JAIL

Jail Guard Arnell Invited Candler Down to Drink.

SCANDAL AT ALEXANDRIA

Prisoner Set Up Whiskey—Arnell Became Muddled, and, Thinking Candler Was Trying to Make His Escape, He Yelled Murder and Drew His Revolver.

The excitement in Alexandria over the alleged attempt of Harry Candler, the notorious Jackson City gambler, to escape last night from the jail, where he is working out a year's sentence, has given place to amusement since the facts have become known.

It turns out that there was no attempt whatever made by the convict to get away, and the furore was the result of a joyful gag, in which Marcus Arnell, the night jail guard, was the most conspicuous figure.

Ever since his confinement Candler has been allowed the freedom of the jail building and yard, and it is even hinted that off on a still night he and the guard have made little pilgrimages to the neighboring saloons, where the two have enjoyed a drink.

Candler's brother, who lives in the town, keeps him liberally supplied with food and drink, and his term of imprisonment so far has been in the nature of one great big holiday.

WAS THIRSTY AND LONESOME.

Last night, when Arnell went on duty, Candler had been locked in his cell. The guard was lonesome and thirsty, although he had already surrounded a quantity of Alexandria whiskey. He knew that Candler had a well-filled bottle in his room and he went upstairs.

"Do you want to sit downstairs for a while?" he asked, rather thickly.

"Come on, and bring your bottle," said Arnell.

The obliging Harry said "cert," and producing the flask, marched down the stairs with the accommodating guard. They sat down just inside the door, and Arnell proceeded to fill up. He drank and drank. His voice became thicker, and his head wobbled from side to side.

He soon became totally oblivious to the presence of his prisoner, who, finding it impossible to get possession of the bottle, was dreaming of the green fields around his saloon at the Virginia end of Long bridge.

Suddenly a wobble, more violent than its predecessor, rushed Arnell somewhat, and looking up, he saw a confusion of Harry Candler before him. He had forgotten having invited his prisoner down. He did not associate Candler with the whiskey. The idea that his prisoner was trying to escape came over him with startling suddenness, and he clutched weakly to his feet, exclaiming:

"THOUGHT HE WAS ESCAPING."

"Whisper don't down here!" said Candler. He arose as he spoke, and Arnell thought he was about to be assaulted. "Murder!" he yelled, and pulling out his revolver he stumbled to the door.

Excitement, riot and Candler, seeing his drunken jailer waving his gun wildly, and a crowd approaching the jail, rushed upstairs to his cell. He was locked out, and he sought refuge in a fire-place in an empty room.

Arnell kept up his cries, and a number of policemen and citizens swooped down on the jail. They searched the building to see who was breaking jail, found Candler in the fire-place, dragged him forth and downstairs, and handcuffed him so roughly that his swoon was not a feigning one.

DISCHARGED THE GUARD.

City Sergeant Smith arrived by this time, and locked the prisoners in the cell. Mrs. Williams, a sister of the sergeant, who lives in the jail, took Arnell's pistol from him, and Capt. Smith seeing his condition promptly discharged him.

Candler's account of the affair credits Arnell with possessing the whiskey, but the general impression is that the prisoner himself supplied the beverage. Arnell himself protests that Candler was trying to escape, but he has not a very clear recollection of the matter.

An effort is being made to raise the \$500 fine, in default of which Candler is serving his sentence, and it is probable that he will be released in a short time. In the meantime his treatment will not be any more rigorous than usual.

ST. MONICA'S LEAGUE.

Its Work Among Colored Episcopalians of the South.

The ladies of St. Monica's League held a very interesting meeting at 11 o'clock this morning in the assembly room of the Church of the Ascension.

Bishop Estlin presided and delivered an address upon the work necessary to be done among the colored members of the Protestant Episcopal church. The purport of his address was to organize the colored members of the church into a league, and supply them with needed church furnishings, vest robes, and altar trimmings.

Their report shows that the sum of \$3,467 has been raised by the ladies and expended for books, desks, blackboards and Sunday-school charts in the States of Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Texas, Maryland and the two Virginias. Contributions have also been made toward furnishing the teachers' home and procuring church bells and organs for poor colored congregations.

HIS HEAD WAS DEMANDED

Contractor Warfield Had to Remove Inspector Danforth.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS' ORDER

The Garbage Crematory Employed Had Violated a Regulation—Dismissals and Appointments in the Fire and Police Departments—A Citizen's Plea for Relief.

The District Commissioners today issued a peremptory order requiring Contractor Warfield of the garbage service, to remove Inspector M. E. Danforth from his employ. Danforth is accused of violating section seven of the municipal regulations, which prescribes that any official or employee using improper language, or who may be detected as being under the influence of liquor, or who may demand payment of citizens for services rendered, or who may falsify any report he may be called upon to make, shall be discharged, and his dismissal acts as a disbarment for further work on the contract.

The specific charge against the inspector was of making an incorrect report to the health officer in respect to a complaint received of the inefficient service of the contractor's collectors.

The complaint came from one of the hotels—Dr. Woodward declined to say which—and Danforth, as an employee of Mr. Warfield, went to investigate. He returned to the health officer with a report of the inefficient service of the contractor's collectors.

A FALSE STATEMENT.

A health officer inspector afterward ascertained that Danforth had procured the modification by representing to the hotel manager that he was necessary to put the matter in that form in order to insure a daily service.

The action of today is the sequence. Two changes in the fire department force were ordered to be made today, as follows: The resignation of Private Harry Priest was accepted, and Joseph Waldron appointed to succeed him, the order to take effect on the 23d instant.

Private Frank Lochboler was ordered to be removed, and J. P. Sylvester appointed in his stead, the service of the latter beginning the 27th instant.

Ernest S. Green has been appointed a member of the police force, Vice A. F. Sengstack, removed. The latter was convicted of gross neglect of duty, it having been shown that he remained in the Cairo flats an hour one evening to the disregard of his duties.

PLEA FOR RELIEF.

Mr. Talbert Lantson, who owns three dwellings, Nos. 1404 to 1408 Eleventh street northwest, in which the water supply is deficient, was before the Commissioners today with an urgent plea for relief.

His houses are two and one-half stories in height, with the bathrooms on the upper floor. He was obliged, several years ago, to incur an expense of \$1,000 for construction of a hot air plant to pump the water into the rooms, and this apparatus is operated at an expense of \$150 per year.

He gladly abandoned this method, he said, upon the completion of the new water main in that section, in the belief that it would afford an ample supply, but this was a delusion. The water fails regularly at midsummer.

Mr. Lantson's tenants are leaving the houses. He is therefore desirous, even at the expense of another \$1,000, of remedying the trouble, and asks for the privilege of building a rear elevated addition to each for use as a bath house, but the regulations forbid.

Mr. Lantson contends that as his houses were built before the adoption of the regulations, and as this is his only means of relief, he asks that he be given the privilege asked for as a means of saving a heavy loss.

The Commissioners are giving the matter their most careful consideration.

The Commissioners submitted to each House of Congress today a copy of the bill recently prepared by the attorney for the District and the harbor master, which is intended to prohibit the deposit of putrescent refuse in the river.

The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for the owner of any wharf or dock, or the owner of any vessel to throw, drop or deposit or permit the deposit, in the Potomac, of refuse, dirt, oyster shells, ashes, dead fish or offal, or dead animals, or any kind of the penalty for violations being a fine not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed six months.

There is a clause which specifies that the act shall not interfere with the work of improvement now in progress, or that may hereafter be necessary, under the direction of the government.

WILL JOIN THE VOLUNTEERS.

Capt. Nellie Crossman Has Left the Baltimore Salvation Army.

Baltimore, Md., April 28.—Capt. Nellie Crossman of Corps No. 1 of the Salvation Army has resigned, and it is said, will soon leave charge of a division of Baltimore. Booth's Volunteers which is now being recruited.

There has been some disintegration in the ranks of the Salvationists of late, and Commander Booth-Tucker has accepted an invitation to come to Baltimore to try and stem the tide. He will be given a big reception by the loyal members of the army.

MAJ. COX FORFEITED COLLATERAL.

Congressman Stephen Harris of Ohio declined to come into the police court today to testify against "Major" William C. Cox, the colored politician, who is alleged to have been hounded for \$2,000 by Cox's arrested yesterday by Detective Lavery on the charge of "soliciting favors" in the Capitol, in violation of the statutes regulating that structure. "Major" Cox also failed to appear in court when the case was called today, and Judge Miller ordered an attachment to be issued for him. Later he reconsidered his determination and allowed the defendant to forfeit \$10 collateral he had paid. That ended the matter.

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